

Blood Bank of Delmarva Membership Plan

Why should I become a member of the Blood Bank?

By joining the Blood Bank you will help ensure the continued availability of blood for our community and its citizens. Blood Bank membership covers the cost of blood replacement fees anytime you, your spouse, or a dependent receives a blood transfusion.

Doesn't my **insurance plan** pay for blood?

While most health insurance plans cover processing and crossmatching fees, the cost of the blood itself is usually not covered. Non-members must either pay for or replace blood used.

How much does it cost to join the Blood Bank?

The annual membership fee is \$5, but most employers cover the cost of the fee as a fringe benefit. Check with your employer for details. This fee helps support the cost of operating the Blood Bank, a non-profit organization.

Do I have to give blood to **become a member** of the Blood Bank?

No. All members agree to take a turn providing blood about once every 18 months. You can give blood yourself OR you can have a friend or relative give blood for you, OR you can pay \$30, the cost of replacing one pint of blood. You will be called for your first blood donation within 10-30 days after enrolling.

Who needs blood?

There is a constant need for blood in our area. Blood is needed every day for emergencies such as auto accidents, for planned surgeries, and for people undergoing treatment for cancer and other diseases. You can help ensure that enough blood is always available by joining and supporting the Blood Bank.

BLOOD BANK MEMBERSHIP:

- Protection for you.
- Protection for your family.
- Help for the community.

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